

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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SERIAL NO.: 10/566,017                                      CONFIRMATION NO.: 9988  
FILED: January 25, 2006                                      GROUP ART UNIT: Not Assigned  
INVENTION: **COUPLING CLOSURES AND DOCKING DEVICES  
COMPRISING SAID COUPLING CLOSURES**

**MAIL STOP - MISSING PARTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**SUBMISSION OF SIGNED DECLARATION and  
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements dated February 6, 2007, Applicants submit herewith the executed Declaration.

In the Notice of Missing Requirements, the Examiner indicated additional claim fees of \$200 as a small entity were due. since the Examiner believed there were five independent claims over three for a total eight independent claims. However, there are nine independent claims. Therefore the total over three is six independent claims.

On January 25, 2006 when the national stage was entered, Applicants paid for a total of six independent claims (three extra over three) in the amount of \$300.00. Since there are nine independent claims representing six additional independent claims, an additional fee of \$600 for small entity was required at time of

filing. Since Applicants already paid \$300, Applicants are now paying the additional \$300 herewith electronically to cover payment of all nine of the independent claims.

Respectfully Submitted



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**The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 501519.**